Mark Stephan

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A political scientist with background in psychology and a research focus on polycentric climate change governance, Mark Stephan understands the need for balance. His awareness of equilibrium—between the humanities and social sciences, and between teaching and research and service—contributes to his effective performance as a peer mentor.

Mark is generous with his time and does not let geography stand in the way of providing feedback on publications, offering strategic advice, or sharing ideas on publishing and grantsmanship. A member of the WSU Vancouver faculty since 2001, Mark has mentored faculty and students on the Pullman and Vancouver campuses and across an array of disciplines.

Using both formal channels and informal means, he is an eager and ready mentor for junior faculty in political science, philosophy, and public affairs as well as criminal justice, communications, and digital technology and culture. He has supervised 32 graduate students and served as a committee member for an additional 51 individuals.

Mark's kindness, wisdom, and dedication to "raising all boats" are foundational qualities for a thriving academic community.